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of the money we spend on education, but not when you look at K-12 education. We're at about number 36, 37, in that area. Now I don't know how much less we can hope to spend per pupil in K-12 and still get the job done. I'm always willing to look for places to save. But we are not a high-spending state in K-12 education, no matter how you look at it. I probably got 30 seconds. I appreciate Senator Brashear's remarks. I think it's terribly important; we're going to live with this Governor for the next four years, and he has extended to us the invitation to work with him rather than simply ambush us at every opportunity. And so I look forward to figuring out ways to accommodate...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...some of the concerns that the Governor might have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, to respond to some of our debate so far this morning, I, too, share the perspective that 149 is an increase in the predictability of our mechanisms. It also does not take us so far down a path we could not retreat, if times so require. I was just reminded, by the way, by a former colleague of mine, that we had a measure to take over the state welfare sys...what was at that time the county welfare system and make it the state welfare system, and there was a budget crunch and there was an attempt to delay that takeover. It would be exactly like this situation. And the body was free to choose as to whether or not it moved off a time line, it repealed some existing language, it had all the tools it needed to keep control of the appropriations and spending process. So I think 149 gets us the gain of predictability, it does not sacrifice our ability to solve budget crunch problems. Secondly, I think Senator Brown indicated that she did not regard 149 as a solution. I would agree with that. I don't think there are many final solutions in legislation. The longer you're here, and Jim Cudaback will tell you, he's been here long enough, you see the issues over and over again, and we make incremental changes. We have had a state aid formula for